

18 August 1953

Mr. J. T. Campbell  
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

We shall be happy to welcome Christopher Saltmarsh in Washington on 2 October. The itinerary outlined in your 11 August letter should certainly familiarise him with operations in the various FBIS field bureaus and Washington headquarters, and discussion of mutual problems with our people in Washington and the field should prove mutually beneficial to the BBC and FBIS.

Since both our Hokkaido and Saigon bureaus are rather small operations, he might prefer to spend most of his time with FBIS in the Far East at Tokyo and Okinawa, particularly the latter. In addition to the usual visas for the countries he will visit, a military permit will be required for entry into Okinawa, which we will obtain while he is in Washington. The regular Japanese visa will suffice for Hokkaido. It would be best to visit Tokyo first upon arrival in the Far East, in order that our bureau there may assist in making arrangements for visiting Hokkaido and Okinawa. We shall arrange his accommodations in Washington and at the various bureaus when the dates have been set. The Chiefs of the bureaus Saltmarsh will visit are: Reseda -

I knew Saltmarsh quite well and will be very glad to see him. I am also hoping to meet you in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

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Colonel Roger Seely,  
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11th August 1953

Dear Colonel Seely,

I have only just succeeded Richard Marriott as head of the Monitoring Service and I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you, but I understand from Alan Warfield that you are now acting in his place for a spell.

As I am sure you know, it was agreed that we should send annually a representative on a visit to your Far East stations in a liaison capacity, and I am now writing to confirm that Christopher Saltmarshe, whom I think you know, is to undertake this visit for us in the autumn, and to give you advance information of his proposed itinerary. If it is convenient to you we should like him to arrive in Washington on 2nd October, and after perhaps eight days there, to spend a week at Reseda. Thereafter I propose that he should go to Tokio and spend three to four weeks in that area, visiting perhaps Okinawa and Hokkaido. He will then return via Hong Kong, Saigon and Singapore. Apart from the arrival date in Washington, the exact dates of the rest of the trip have not yet been worked out, but if you are happy about the general project, I will let you have a more closely defined programme at a later date.

In confirming the arrangements in more detail, I will of course give you the usual assurance that Saltmarshe has been formally cleared for this assignment.

I hope this information will give you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements, and of course if you wish to propose any amendments or make any suggestions, I shall be only too pleased to have them.

Yours sincerely,

